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22 MS. ZIGLER: It's very important to me
23 tonight that I use my two feet to get up here. I just
24 got home from the hospital yesterday, after over 20
25 days in the hospital. My name is Sally Zigler. I live

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1 in Henderson. I've been a resident of Nevada since
2 '87. I have worked for the Department of Energy,
3 contractor on the Yucca Mountain Project from March 19
4 of 1990 to October of '94. While I was on my job, and
5 on a job assignment in Tucson, Arizona, lifting around
6 a heavy technical information display for Yucca
7 Mountain, I was injured. I had a cervical injury. It
8 ruined three of my discs. The contractor that I worked
9 for would not get me the help that I needed. As a
10 result, I have not been able to work since 1994. And I
11 am losing my eyesight. Because of chronic migraines,
12 and what they call optic neuritis.

13 I believe very much in the storage of waste.
14 I believe that something needed to be done. I worked
15 at Hanford. I have six sons. My fifth son died of
16 bone cancer. And they figured that he was contaminated
17 in the fetus. I also lost my thyroid. I felt a

18 responsibility to my fellow Americans. And to their
19 families. Before my injury, I was elected to the
20 American Nuclear Society Executive Board for Human
21 Factors. I was hoping that I would be able to do
22 something to help for the sake of my son that I lost.
23 Since my injury, the Department of Energy and the
24 contractor that I have worked for have gone into my
25 medical records. They've put false things in my

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1 medical records. They said I was lifting an aluminum
2 set, when indeed it was steel. It took 4 1/2 to 6
3 hours to put that, that display up. They sent a young
4 woman with me who had been in a bad car accident the
5 year before, and she was not able to do the work. I
6 was told because I was over 50, that it was just my
7 bones. For 7 years now, I have not been able to sleep
8 in a bed normally, like most people. I've had to sit
9 up in a chair. And I have come to the conclusion that
10 bad management, is bad management, is bad management.

11 (APPLAUSE)

12 And I'm here to tell you, Nevadans, for which
13 I am a Nevadan, and I plan on being buried here when I
14 die, along with my son who died of bone cancer, I tell

15 you that there are things that have gone on with the
16 Department of Energy that are not right.

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17 (APPLAUSE)

18 And if they tell you that there is that fund
19 that will protect you, if they have us build, look at
20 me. I was one of their own. I always got one of the
21 top ratings. I was a workaholic. I believed in what I
22 was doing. Do you think that they would help you, you,
23 or you or you or you? Would they help any of you?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

25 MS. ZIGLER: They would not. Now, I want to

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1 give you an example of how this applies to the
2 community. In 1991, the government audit agent office
3 was told to go to the Department of Energy to the Yucca
4 Mountain Project, and we were called in as workers and
5 told to put our heads down, not look them in the eye,
6 so that they wouldn't talk to us. And all of a sudden
7 -- I had been working on an administrative review
8 process, which meant this -- all the money that goes
9 out from the Department of Energy to any contractor,
10 university, any agency, has got to generate a report.
11 And that report was what I did when I wasn't on the

12 road traveling for the displays. And all of a sudden,
13 before the auditing agent came in, I had about 181
14 documents, approximately I will say 181 documents, that
15 were controversial that the Department of Energy and
16 its contractors did not want released to the public.
17 Some of them had faulty science, and should have been
18 eradicated from the system.

19 MODERATOR LAWSON: 30 seconds.

20 MS. ZIGLER: But some of them were
21 controversial. These documents disappeared off the
22 system before the auditing agent. So ask yourself, are
23 these the kind of people that you want to protect you?
24 Are these the kind of people that we want to put a
25 nuclear storage system? And by the way, that is not

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1 liquid, that is a hard waste, but do we want to have
2 that in our system.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

4 MS. ZIGLER: John Ensign has said that
5 tonight, if you listen. Thank you.

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